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NEWS RELEASE

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Tooele Plan and Directive Preparing to Open for Business - Recovering from COVID-19

(TOOELE COUNTY) – Due to a recent drop in transmission rates and a lowered perceived risk of infection from COVID-19, Tooele County will begin to remove restrictions on businesses and shift from an urgent phase (high risk) to a stabilization phase (moderate risk). Beginning May 1, 2020, local businesses will be able to resume services with protocols in place to provide protection to minimize COVID-19 exposure risks for employees and the public. Industry specific guidelines can be found at <https://tooelehealth.org/> and Utah Leads 2.0 [https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/Governor/UtahLeads%20April2020%20v20%20\(2\).pdf](https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/Governor/UtahLeads%20April2020%20v20%20(2).pdf) (see orange moderate risk column).

Best public health practices for moderate risk include 6 feet distancing between individuals, use of face covering masks worn in public, increased cleaning practices and protective hygiene, and monitoring for symptoms. As always, the high-risk population (older individuals and those with underlying conditions, particularly immunocompromised individuals) should follow specific instructions for vulnerable populations as directed in Utah Leads 2.0.

Public health guidance cannot anticipate every unique situation. Residents and businesses must accept personal responsibility to be informed and take actions based on common sense and wise judgment that will protect health and support economic reactivation. Remain vigilant to keep yourself and others healthy and safe. As always, individuals who are sick must stay at home. Be mindful that this will require a sustained effort throughout the community.

The current Tooele County Health Order expires on April 30, 2020, at 11:59PM. Effective May 1, 2020, Tooele County will follow the Utah Leads 2.0 moderate risk guidelines. By following these phased guidelines, we will maximize public health and economic reactivation. Additional information will be provided as local leaders continue to monitor data, learn new information, gradually move to change when necessary, and work with the Governor's Office, the Utah Department of Health, and the Utah Coronavirus Task Force to provide thorough and consistent recommendations.

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